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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HUSCHKE ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-15 and 17-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-15, 17-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2, 7-9, 15, 17, 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Drozt et al. (5,778,320).

Regarding claim 1, Drozt discloses a method for re-allocating a spectrum resource to a plurality of RNs (base stations) in accordance with a predefined spectrum resource allocation scheme (credit) (abstract, figs. 1-3), wherein the resource has been previously allocated (initial allocation), column 2 lines 56-60), comprising: a base station generates a spectrum (channel resource) request, wherein the request is based on a spectrum credit or bonus with the RN or a group of RNs and transmits the request to a server (controller 101) and the controller based on the credit or bonus to reallocate the resource to the RN (column 2 lines 8-24, column 3 line 55 to column 5 lines 25, 42-61, column 6 line 53 to column 7 line 9).

Regarding claim 15, this claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1, wherein a computer program product is inherently in the system for processing the method steps.

Regarding claim 17, this claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in as apparatus of the method claim 1.

Regarding claim 19, this claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1, wherein system controller 101 is considered as a server to allocate/re-allocate/de-allocate resources (fig.1).

Regarding claim 20, this claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding claim 2, Drozt further discloses a dynamic allocation resource, from time to time (column 2 lines 60, column 6 lines 17-32, figs. 2-3), which means the allocation is performed continuously.

Regarding claims 7-9, Drozt further discloses the credit is assigned for a group or an individual user in the group and the credit is reassigned (column 3 line 15 to column 5 line 61), wherein the credit will be de-allocated after being used (fig.2-3) which means the credit is temporarily valid.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Drozt et al. (5,778,320) in view of Lu (6,519,462).

Regarding claim 3, Drozt further discloses the dynamic allocation resource based on traffic (column 6 lines 8-29, column 8 lines 30-40). However, Drozt has been silent on the quality of service.

Lu discloses a method for reallocating a spectrum resource based on bonus or credit (abstract, column 3 lines 1-10) comprising the reallocation resources based on the quality of service (abstract, column 3 lines 12-15). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have Drozt, modified by Lu to make sure the quality of service to all users in order to prevent drop calls or signal interferences.

Regarding claim 4, Drozt discloses the resource is dynamically allocated from time to time (column 2 lines 60, column 6 lines 17-32, figs. 2-3), which means the whole resource is reallocated.

Regarding claim 5, Drozt further discloses re-allocating and de-allocating resource from a user (figs. 2-3), which means only a portion of resource to be re-allocated and de-allocated to the user.

5. Claims 10-14, 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Drozt et al. (5,778,320) in view of O'Neil (7,099,681).

Regarding claims 10-14, 18, Drozt discloses the credit based on assigned group or individual. However, Drozt fails to teach a resource auction.

O'Neil, in the same field of invention, discloses a resource bidding or auction (column 3 line 38, column 13 lines 44, 54, 57, column 14 line 16, column 15 lines 1-7). It

should be noted that in a bidding war for a spectrum resource, the bidding should be involved a bundle of frequencies and whose with the highest bid will get the resource, which is known to those skilled in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Drozt, modified by O'Neil in order to satisfy a resource request in a case of the limitation of resource to satisfy all users.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5, 7-15, 17-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Simon Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7894. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F. Urban, can be reached on (571) 272-7899.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Simon Nguyen

January 4, 2008

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Nguyen", is written over the printed name and title.